

Recycling Works in Massachusetts



Best Management Practices Planning
Session for Donating Food

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RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts

- Helps businesses and institutions
 - Maximize waste diversion
 - Save money
 - Waste Ban Compliance
 - Customer/Employee satisfaction
- Funded by MassDEP, delivered under contract by the Center for EcoTechnology



RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts

Services include:

- Online Resources
- Email and Phone Hotline
- Technical Assistance
- Events and Workshops
- WasteWise Program Administration





Food Waste in Massachusetts

- **Over 25%** of solid waste disposal is food waste and other organics
- About **1 million tons** of food waste are disposed annually
 - About **10%** currently diverted from disposal (composting)





Commercial Organic Materials Waste Ban

Effective **October 1, 2014**

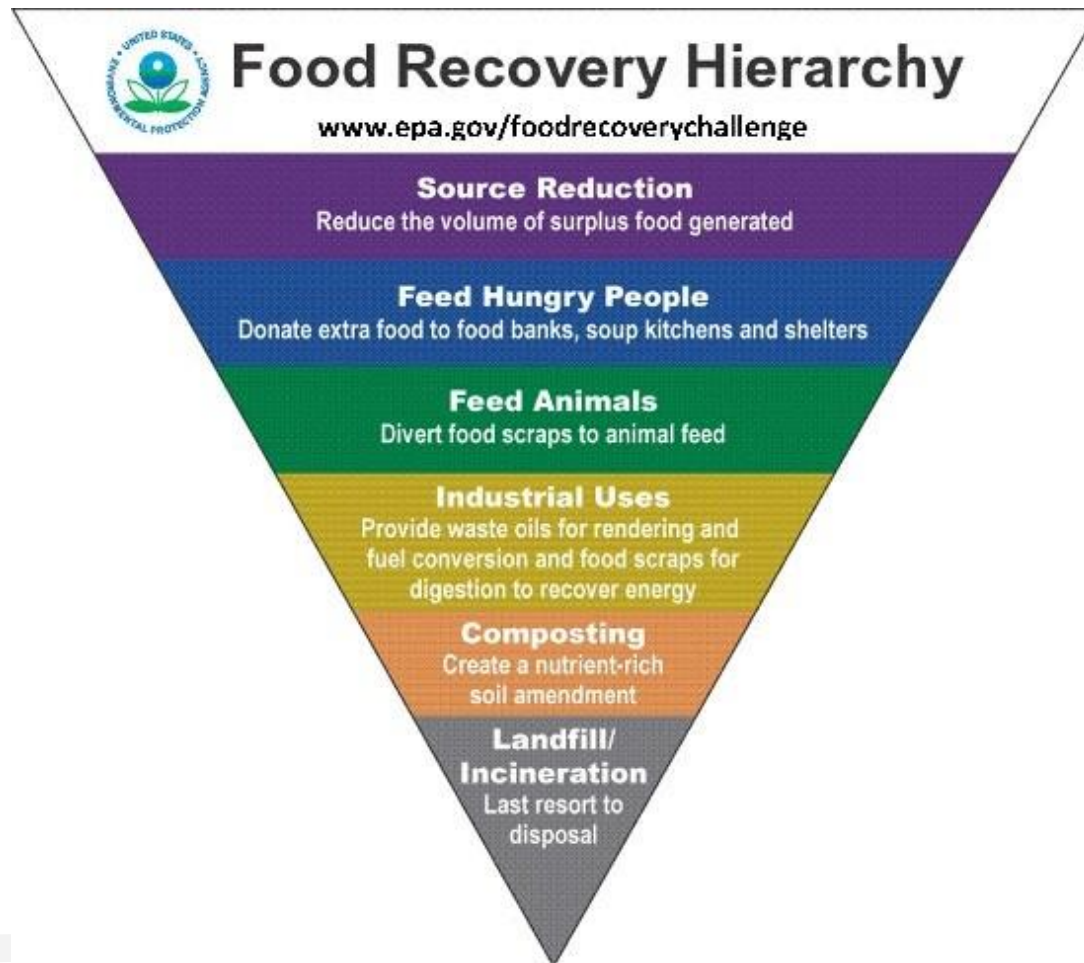
Applies to businesses and institutions
disposing of **1 ton or more of food waste per
week**

Range of Compliance Strategies including
Donation





EPA Food Recovery Hierarchy





Food Donation Best Management Practices

- Similar approach to the 2013 creation of food waste collection BMPs
- Engage stakeholders – MassDEP, EPA, health agents, food donation and rescue organizations
- There has been a noticeable increase in RecyclingWorks inquiries regarding food donation





Harvard Law Class Assistance

- Research
- Fact Sheets



The Meetings will Focus On:

- Liability issues
- Tax implications
- Date Labeling
- Packaged and/or prepared foods
- Food Safety
- Other Topics
- Barriers





New Issues

- Outreach and Education to generators to make them aware
 - Corporate Cafeterias
 - Catering
- Transportation
- Packaged Foods to have more refined categories

3-5 Stakeholder Meetings around the State



- Springfield
- Worcester
- Boston: North Shore, South Shore
- Feedback to be incorporated into the RecyclingWorks webpage



Best Management Practice Guidelines

- Trends
- Consensus
- Guidance for business
- Resource for Health Agents
- Incorporate into RecyclingWorks website in the Fall





Additional Information

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